



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q67307

Akihiro NAGATA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/995,562

Group Art Unit: 2879

Confirmation No.: 1475

Examiner: Karabi Guharay

Filed: November 29, 2000

For: ARK TUBE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement, dated May 7, 2003, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-4 for examination. This election is made without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 5-7.

Respectfully submitted,

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